Computer Graphics

11 – Curves

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Topics Covered

- Intro: Motivation and Curve Representation
- Polynomial Curve
 - Polynomial Interpolation
 - More Discussion on Polynomials
- Hermite Curve
- Bezier Curve
- (Very short) Intro to Spline

Intro: Motivation and Curve Representation

Motivation: Why Do We Need Curve?

- Smoothness
 - no discontinuity
- In many application, we need **smooth shape** and **smooth movement**.





Curve Representations

- Non-parametric
 - **Explicit** : **y** = **f**(**x**)
 - ex) $y = x^2 + 2x 2$
 - Pros) Easy to generate points
 - Cons) Cannot express vertical lines!

- Implicit : f(x, y) = 0

- ex) $x^2 + y^2 2^2 = 0$
- Pros) Easy to test if a point is inside or outside
- Cons) Inconvenient to generate points



Curve Representations

• **Parametric :** (x, y) = (f(t), g(t))

- ex) (x, y) = (2 cos(t), 2 sin(t))

- Each point on a curve is expressed as a function of additional parameter t
- Pros) Easy to generate points
- The parameter t act as a "local coordinate" for points on the curve
- For computer graphics, the parametric representation is the most suitable.



Polynomial Curve

Polynomial Curve

- Polynomials are usually used to describe curves in computer graphics
 - Simple
 - Efficient
 - Easy to manipulate
 - Historical reasons
- A polynomial of degree n:

$$x(t) = a_n t^n + a_{n-1} t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 t + a_0$$

• One way to make a smooth curve is with polynomial interpolation.

Polynomial interpolation determines a specific smooth polynomial curve passing though given data points.

- Linear interpolation with <u>a polynomial of degree one</u>
 - Input: two nodes

position of a point

 (t_0, x_0)

 Output: Linear polynomial (t_1, x_1)

parameter of a curve

$$x(t) = a_1 t + a_0$$

How to find a_0 and a_1 ?

$$a_1 t_0 + a_0 = x_0 a_1 t_1 + a_0 = x_1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_0 \\ 1 & t_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can compute the value of $a_0 \&$ a₁ because we have **2** equations (=2 data points) for 2 unknowns!

If
$$t_0=0$$
 and $t_1=1$, then $a_0=x_0$ and $a_1=x_1-x_0$
 $\rightarrow x(t) = (x_1-x_0)t + x_0 = (1-t)x_0 + tx_1$

Quadratic interpolation with a polynomial of degree two



$$x(t) = a_2 t^2 + a_1 t + a_0$$

(we need **3 points** to get the value of **3 unknowns**)

$$a_{2}t_{0}^{2} + a_{1}t_{0} + a_{0} = x_{0}$$
$$a_{2}t_{1}^{2} + a_{1}t_{1} + a_{0} = x_{1}$$
$$a_{2}t_{2}^{2} + a_{1}t_{2} + a_{0} = x_{2}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t_0 & t_0^2 \\ 1 & t_1 & t_1^2 \\ 1 & t_2 & t_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

• Polynomial interpolation of degree n



- How to find the value of unknowns $a_n, ..., a_0$?
- Several methods:
 - Solving linear system, Lagrange's, Newton's method, ...

Problem of Higher Degree Polynomial Interpolation

- Oscillations at the ends Runge's Phenomenon
 - Nobody uses higher degree polynomial interpolation now



[Practice] Polynomial Interpolation

Interpolation Polynomial

Click and drag the **control points** and the polynomial curve will interpolate to satisfy them. Polynomial Degree: 2 (parabola)



https://www.benjoffe.com/code/demos/interpolate

- Drag points and observe changes of the curve.
- Increase polynomial degree and drag points.

Cubic Polynomials

- Cubic (degree of 3) polynomials are commonly used in computer graphics because...
- The lowest-degree polynomials representing a 3D space curve..
- Unwanted wiggles of higherdegree polynomials (Runge's Phenomenon)

$$x(t) = a_{x}t^{3} + b_{x}t^{2} + c_{x}t + d_{x}$$

$$y(t) = a_{y}t^{3} + b_{y}t^{2} + c_{y}t + d_{y}$$

$$z(t) = a_{z}t^{3} + b_{z}t^{2} + c_{z}t + d_{z}$$

or

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d}$$



Then, how to make complex curves using such a low degree polynomial?



• At this moment, let's just think about a single piece of polynomial.

Defining a Single Piece of Cubic Polynomial

 $\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d}$

- Goal: Defining a specific curve (finding **a**, **b**, **c**, **d**) as we want (using data points or *conditions*)
- 4 unknowns, so we need 4 equations (conditions or constraints). For example,
 - 4 data points



- position and derivative of 2 end points



Formulation of a Single Piece of Polynomial

- A polynomial can be formulated in two ways:
- With **coefficients** and **variable**:

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d}$$

- coefficients: a, b, c, d
- variable: t
- With *basis functions* and **points**:

 $\mathbf{p}(t) = b_0(t)\mathbf{p}_0 + b_1(t)\mathbf{p}_1 + b_2(t)\mathbf{p}_2 + b_3(t)\mathbf{p}_3$

- *basis functions:* $b_0(t)$, $b_1(t)$, $b_2(t)$, $b_3(t)$
- points: $\mathbf{p}_0, \mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3$

Trivial Example: Linear Polynomial



 $x(t) = a_1 t + a_0$

Trivial Example: Linear Polynomial

• Formulation with coefficients and variable:

$$x(t) = (x_1 - x_0)t + x_0$$
$$y(t) = (y_1 - y_0)t + y_0$$
$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0)t + \mathbf{p}_0$$

Matrix formulation

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Trivial Example: Linear Polynomial

- Formulation with basis functions and points:
 - regroup expression by **p** rather than *t*

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_0)t + \mathbf{p}_0$$
$$= \underline{(1-t)}\mathbf{p}_0 + \underline{t}\mathbf{p}_1$$

basis functions

- interpretation in matrix viewpoint

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \left(\begin{bmatrix} t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Meaning of Basis Functions

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = (1-t)\mathbf{p}_0 + t\mathbf{p}_1$$

• Contribution of each point as *t* changes



Quiz #1

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- Less trivial example
- Form of curve: piecewise cubic
- Constraints: endpoints and tangents (derivatives)





Charles Hermite (1822-1901)

Solve constraints to find coefficients

$$x(t) = at^{3} + bt^{2} + ct + d$$

$$x'(t) = 3at^{2} + 2bt + c$$

$$x(0) = x_{0} = d$$

$$x(1) = x_{1} = a + b + c + d$$

$$x'(0) = x'_{0} = c$$

$$x'(1) = x'_{1} = 3a + 2b + c$$

$$0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1$$

$$1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1$$

$$0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$3 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 0$$

$$d \quad x'_{1}$$
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 Solve constraints to find coefficients $x(t) = at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$ $x'(t) = 3at^2 + 2bt + c$ $x(0) = x_0 = d$ $x(1) = x_1 = a + b + c + d$ $x'(0) = x'_0 = c$ $x'(1) = x'_1 = 3a + 2b + c$

$$a = x_{0}$$

$$c = x'_{0}$$

$$a = 2x_{0} - 2x_{1} + x'_{0} + x'_{1}$$

$$b = -3x_{0} + 3x_{1} - 2x'_{0} - x'_{1}$$

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{0} \\ x_{1} \\ x'_{0} \\ x'_{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$calculate A^{-1}$$

• Matrix form is much simpler

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_0 \\ \mathbf{v}_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$- \text{ coefficients = rows}$$

$$- \text{ basis functions = columns}$$

$$A^{-1}$$

$$P_0 \\ P_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_0 \\ \mathbf{v}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & y_0 \\ x_1 & y_1 \\ x_0' & y_0' \\ x_1' & y_1' \\ x_0' & y_0' \\ x_1' & y_1' \end{bmatrix}$$

Coefficients = rows

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d}$$

 $\mathbf{p}(t) = b_0(t)\mathbf{p}_0 + b_1(t)\mathbf{p}_1 + b_2(t)\mathbf{p}_2 + b_3(t)\mathbf{p}_3$

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Basis functions = columns

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{a}t^3 + \mathbf{b}t^2 + \mathbf{c}t + \mathbf{d}$$

 $\mathbf{p}(t) = b_0(t)\mathbf{p}_0 + b_1(t)\mathbf{p}_1 + b_2(t)\mathbf{p}_2 + b_3(t)\mathbf{p}_3$

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Hermite basis functions



[Practice] Hermite Curve Online Demo



https://codepen.io/liorda/pen/KrvBwr

• Change the position of end points and their derivatives by dragging

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Bezier Curve

Recall: Hermite curve

Constraints: endpoints and tangents (derivatives)



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- Mixture of points and vectors is awkward
- Specify tangents as differences of points



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Pierre Bézier (1910-1999) widely published research on this curve while working at Renault

- Mixture of points and vectors is awkward
- Specify tangents as differences of points



- note derivative is defined as 3 times offset t



 $p_0 = q_0$ $p_1 = q_3$ $v_0 = 3(q_1 - q_0)$ $v_1 = 3(q_3 - q_2)$



$$p_0 = q_0$$

 $p_1 = q_3$
 $v_0 = 3(q_1 - q_0)$
 $v_1 = 3(q_3 - q_2)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{v}_0 \\ \mathbf{v}_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_0 \\ \mathbf{q}_1 \\ \mathbf{q}_2 \\ \mathbf{q}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



Hermite matrix



Bézier matrix

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t^3 & t^2 & t & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 & -3 & 1 \\ 3 & -6 & 3 & 0 \\ -3 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_0 \\ \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \mathbf{p}_2 \\ \mathbf{p}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- note that these are the Bernstein polynomials

$$b_{n,k}(t) = \binom{n}{k} t^k (1-t)^{n-k}$$

and that defines Bézier curves for any degree

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Bezier Curve

Bernstein basis functions

$$B_{i}^{n}(t) = \binom{n}{i}(1-t)^{n-i}t^{i}$$

$$B_{0}^{3}(t) = (1-t)^{3}$$

$$B_{1}^{3}(t) = 3t(1-t)^{2}$$

$$B_{2}^{3}(t) = 3t^{2}(1-t)^{1}$$

$$B_{3}^{3}(t) = t^{3}$$

 Cubic Bezier curve: Cubic polynomial in Bernstein bases

$$\mathbf{p}(t) = B_0^3(t)\mathbf{p}_0 + B_1^3(t)\mathbf{p}_1 + B_2^3(t)\mathbf{p}_2 + B_3^3(t)\mathbf{p}_3$$

= $(1-t)^3\mathbf{p}_0 + 3t(1-t)^2\mathbf{p}_1 + 3t^2(1-t)\mathbf{p}_2 + t^3\mathbf{p}_3$



de Casteljau's Algorithm



Paul de Casteljau (1930-) first developed the 'Bezier' curve using this algorithm in 1959 while working at Citroën, but was not able to publish them due to company policy

• Another method to compute Bezier curve



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$$\mathbf{q}_0$$
 \mathbf{r}_0 \mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{r}_1 \mathbf{q}_2

 $\mathbf{r}_0 = Lerp(t, \mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1)$

 $\mathbf{r}_1 = Lerp(t, \mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2)$

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de Casteljau's Algorithm

de Casteljau's Algorithm

- Nice recursive algorithm to compute a point on a Bezier curve
- Additionally, it subdivide a Bezier curve into two segments

- You can draw a curve with a sufficient number of subdivided control points
 - "Subdivision" method for displaying curves

[Practice] de Casteljau's Algorithm

- Move red points
- Also check the subdivision demo

Displaying Curves

- Need to generate a list of line segments to draw
 - What we can compute is a set of points on a curve
 - Connecting them with line segments would be good approximation for the curve
- Brute-force
 - Evaluate $\mathbf{p}(t)$ for incrementally spaced values of t
- Finite difference
 - The same idea, but much more efficient
 - See <u>http://www.drdobbs.com/forward-difference-calculation-of-bezier/184403417</u>
- Subdivision
 - Use de Casteljau's algorithm

Properties of Bezier Curve

- Intuitively controlled by control points
- Contained in the *convex hull* of control points

Convex hull: Minimal-sized convex polygon containing all points

• End point interpolation

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True Type Font

Postscript Font

Bezier Spline

- A combination of piecewise Bezier curves, Bezier spline, is very widely used. For example,
- To draw shapes in graphic tools such as Adobe Illustrator
- To define animation paths in 3D authoring tools such as Blender and Maya

• TrueType fonts use quadratic Bezier spline, PostScript fonts use cubic Bezier spline

[Practice] Bezier Spline

• How to "smooth" the spline?

Spline

• Spline: *piecewise* polynomial

- Three issues:
 - How to connect these pieces *continuously*?
 - How easy is it to "control" the shape of a spline?
 - Does a spline have to *pass through* specific points?
- For details, see *11-reference-splines.pdf*

Next Time

- Lab in this week:
 - Lab assignment 11
- Next lecture:
 - 12 More Lighting, Texture

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